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SUBJ: VISAS AND TRAVEL TO MADAGASCAR

1. NON-MALAGASY COMING TO MADAGASCAR DIRECTLY FROM LOCATIONS
WHERE THERE IS NO MALAGASY REPRESENTATION WILL BE ISSUED, UPON
ARRIVAL, 72-HOUR TRANSIT VISAS WHICH CAN LATER BE EXTENDED FOR
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AN INITIAL STAY OF 3 MONTHS. SUCH ISSUANCE IS MERELY A COURTESY

AND IS NOT GUARANTEED. EMBASSY, HOWEVER, KNOWS OF NO INSTANCES IN WHICH VISAS HAVE BEEN REFUSED UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. SAME APPLIES TO NON-MALAGASY WHO, ENROUTE TO MADAGASCAR, MERELY TRANSIT PLACES WHERE THERE IS MALAGASY REPRESENTATION, AND ARE THUS UNABLE TO OBTAIN VISAS BEFORE ARRIVAL.

3. NON-MALAGASY ARRIVING IN MADAGASCAR WITHOUT VISAS WHO COMMENCED THEIR TRAVEL TO MADAGASCAR IN LOCATIONS WHERE THERE IS MALAGASY REPRESENTATION CAN EXPECT INHOSPITABLE TREATMENT BY AIRPORT IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. FURTHERMORE, ISSUANCE OF ONLY A 24-HOUR TRANSIT VISA IS QUITE LIKELY, PUTTING A STRAIN ON THE TRAVELER TO OBTAIN AN EXTENSION BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE VISA. IN ADDITION TO BEING BOTHERSOME, THE ISSUANCE OF A VISA EXTENSION ENTAILS AN ADDITIONAL EXPENSE TO THE TRAVELER. AN AIRPORT VISA COSTS ABOUT \$2.30 AND A 3-MONTH TOURIST VISA COSTS ABOUT \$7.00. THERE IS ALSO AN ADDITIONAL PROLONGATION FEE OF \$4.50 WHICH IS RARELY, IF EVER, COLLECTED.

4. IN ADDITION TO STANDARD TOURIST PRECAUTIONS, TOURISTS SHOULD REFRAIN FROM TAKING PHOTOS OF GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS (INCLUDING THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE) AND SOLDIERS. MOREOVER, IN ORDER TO AVOID PROBLEMS ON DEPARTURE FROM MADAGASCAR, THEY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT TAPE RECORDERS, MICROPHONES, MAGNETIC RECORDING TAPE OR ANY ELECTRONIC DEVICES MIGHT RAISE THE SUSPICIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES. BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO LEAVE MADAGASCAR, MAGNETIC RECORDING TAPE IS SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION, A PROCESS WHICH WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY DELAY THE TRAVELER'S DEPARTURE.

5. CHOLERA INNOCULATIONS SHOULD BE UP-TO-DATE BEFORE ARRIVAL. TRAVELERS WHO HAVE BEEN IN KENYA OR THE COMOROS WITHIN 6 DAYS OF THEIR ARRIVAL IN MADAGASCAR MUST REPORT TO THE INSTITUTE OF HYGIENE FOR OBSERVATION FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL.SHEINBAUM

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